Maternal Death During Child Birth Due to Obstructive Cause

3266. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that maternal death due to obstructive cause during child birth are increasing;

(b) if so, what are the causes thereof;

(c) whether delivery in a prone position on the back against gravity is a major cause; studies and reference available in this regard; and

(d) what steps will be taken to propagate the proper forms of delivery position?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP): (a) to (d) Maternal deaths due to obstructed labour are not reported separately at National level. However Maternal deaths due to malpresentation of foetus, a major cause of obstructive labour, ranged between 6 to 13 percent of total maternal deaths during 1978 to 1990. No increasing trend has been observed.

Since Maternal Deaths due to obstructed labour are not reported at National Level, the causes are not specified. However some of the common causes are short height, malpresentation of foetus and indiscriminate use of drugs.

After years of experience delivery is recommended in dorsal-semi-recombant position. If delivery is conducted in sitting position there is no control of delivery of the foetal head and it leads to multiple tears, post martum hamorrhage and uterine prolapse later on. Most of the women in the country undergoing labour are anaemic and even minimal blood loss will be deter detrimental to their health and even fatal at times. hence, delivery in sitting posture is to be avoided. Moreover, delivery in sitting position will lead to trauma to the foetal head.

Most of the standard textbooks of Obstetrics recommend delivery in dorsal-semi-recumbent position.

The institutions in the country practice delevery in dorsal-semirecumbent position.

Medical Treatment of the Surviving Victims of Bhopal Gas Tragedy

3267. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the surviving victims of Bhopal gas tragedy are not being given regular and proper medical treatment; and

(b) if so, whether Government plan to implement any effective system for regularly monitoring and improving the otherwise deteriorating health conditions of the surviving victims of the gas leakage?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP): (a) and (b) As per information received for the State Govt. Madhya Pradesh adequate facilities for the treatment of gas affected people has already been made which are as under:

(i) Five hospitals and eight dispensaries have been established and are being run by the Bhopal Gas Tragedy 'Relief and Rehabilitation Department.

(ii) 4000 Out door patients per day are being provided medical care through the above hospitals and dispensaries

(iii) 225 Beds facility is available for indoor patients in the hospitals

(iv) Free supply of medicines is provided to the indoor and outdoor patients

(v) In addition 3 Ayurvedic, 3 Homeopathic and 3 Unani Dispensaries have been established